

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
January 16, 2013**

**Present**

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner  
Robert Ladd, Commissioner  
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage noted that this was a public meeting which had been duly posted.

The Board proceeded to hold a work session for the 2013 HBVD budget.

**Sand Sculpture Event**

Greg Grady of Professional Sculptures came forward to discuss this event. He gave details and confirmations.

Chairman Rage called for a break at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting**

Richard Reniere, Moderator, said the Annual Meeting for the Hampton Beach Village District will be held on Friday, March 29, 2013 at the Beach Fire Station beginning at 7:00 p.m. Voting will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Residents may register to vote on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m., and on the day of the Annual Meeting, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reniere said voters must provide an approved voter ID to comply with the new law passed by the New Hampshire legislature. Mr. Reniere discussed what constitutes an approved voter ID. This will be posted at the Beach Fire Station and the Town Office.

District officers to be elected are as follows:

Commissioner	3 years
Treasurer	1 year
Moderator	1 year

Clerk 1 year  
Supervisor of the Checklist 3 years

Mr. Reniere said anyone interested in running for any of these positions should contact Janet Allard, District Clerk, at 929-1170. The filing period is February 13 – 22.

Mr. Reniere said the State periodically requires a review of the voter registration list. Within the next week or so some residents may receive a notice telling them they will be required to re-register.

### **Fireworks**

Kristen of RS Fireworks acknowledged that some people were upset because the fireworks on New Years Eve were delayed. This was caused by unavoidable events. Kristen said they are working very hard with Police and Fire to avoid a similar event in the future and she extended an apology. Kristen said Sean Connors, owner of RS, would like to donate next years New Years Eve shoot.

Kristen said RS would be very willing to have a 1-year contract. However, she would propose a 3-year contract which would include 10% more product and 2 years of a free shoot on New Years Eve. Chairman Rage asked if the basic pricing would remain the same . Kristen said it would. Commissioner Ladd said he very much appreciated RS Fireworks' response to the New Years Eve issue.

Gary Kubik, 22 C Street, asked if there was a possibility that more might be put into the grand finales. Kristen said that could definitely be done.

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to renew the contract with RS Fireworks for a 3-year period under the conditions expressed by RS Fireworks at this meeting.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he had been informed that the State owns the playground.

Commissioner Ladd said he was extremely impressed with the secession hearing with the Board of Selectmen on December 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a great example of how government works best.

### **New Business**

Chairman Rage discussed the trash pickup issue. He expressed concern and said a meeting should be set up with the Board of Selectmen to discuss. Chairman Rage said the once a week pickup could be a real problem in the summer. To attract quality people to the Beach, it is necessary to have a quality beach and that is a clean beach.

**Moved** by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to allow the Treasurer, Stephen La Branche, to contract with David Kreed to audit the accounts of the Hampton Beach Village District for 2012.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2013.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Kubik discussed the trash pickup issue. He said summer is where the problem will really begin. Much more trash is generated with the extra vacationers present. It is important that the Board of Selectmen receive input from the Village District as soon as possible. Hampton Beach has maintained a Five Star water rating and it would be a shame to have that change.

Chairman Rage noted that an increase in the number of trash barrels has been suggested. He said that is not the answer due to a lack of space.

Michael Pierce, Selectman, said it is important to make sure the beach is kept as clean as possible. However, it comes down to watching the taxpayers' money. Mr. Pierce said he believes a once a week pickup in the winter is fine, but there should be discussion of the frequency in the summer.

Charlie Preston said he would suggest extra work, including raising the road elevation, signalization, bus stops, etc. be included at the Brown Ave./Ashworth intersection during the construction of the new fire station. This intersection could become the hub of Hampton Beach and traffic could be controlled. Mr. Preston asked the Commissioners to consider this proposal in conjunction with the HBAC and Board of Selectmen.

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Brian Lapham, 27 I Street, said signalization will not be cheap and could actually cause problems during the summer. Mr. Lapham also said once a week trash pickup during the summer will not work. Mr. Lapham also reminded everyone that recycling brings in money.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioner Ladd said there is still time to file for the property tax exemption for those who are eligible.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary